

PATENT APPLICATION

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Application : Attached

For : Fastener with Ergonomic Removal to Insertion Force Ratio

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

DECLARATION: As below-named inventors, we believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed in the specification identified below and for which a patent is sought on the invention as titled therein. We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a). Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our respective names.

Title of the invention: Fastener with Ergonomic Removal to Insertion Force Ratio  
Patent Specification is attached.  
This is a Continuation In Part of Non-provisional Application 10/164,963  
No earlier-filed foreign application of which priority benefit is claimed.

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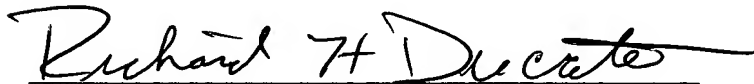
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